

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her careful review of the subject application. Prior to this Amendment "B", claims 1-12 were pending in the subject application. In this Amendment "B", Applicant has canceled claim 2, amended claims 1 and 3-12 and added new claims 13 and 14. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in its current format.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for, inter alia, failing to include appropriate headings. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to include appropriate headings and to better conform to the formal requirements of U.S. practice.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-12 for failure to use an indefinite article in claim 1 and definite articles in claims 2-12. The Examiner has also objected to claims 9 and 10 for utilizing commas instead of decimals to denote fractions. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3-12 to address these objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3-12 over U.S. Patent No. 4,445,019 to Gaupp et al. The Examiner, however, has indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (none). Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 2. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 and, thus, dependent claims 3-12 are allowable.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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